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DOT SEEKS INPUT ON LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

State Transportation Commissioner Stephen E. Korta, II has announced the availability of the draft Long-Range Transportation Plan for the State of Connecticut (2004 LRP) for public review and comment. The 2004 LRP is a federally-mandated policy document that outlines strategies and actions for addressing transportation issues and needs in Connecticut. This plan, which covers the period 2004 through 2030, is generally updated every three to five years. The Department anticipates publishing a final plan in the summer of 2004.

"This plan will serve as a framework for preparing future, more project-specific transportation plans, such as the Department's 2005 Master Transportation Plan and State Transportation Improvement Program," said Commissioner Korta, "so I encourage people to read it."

"In developing this plan, the Department considered the recommendations of Connecticut's Transportation Strategy Board, the State Plan of Conservation and Development, various other transportation-related plans and studies, federal and state laws and funding scenarios. We also attempted to respond to the public input received during the 2004 LRP comment period and Listening Sessions that were held in the fall of 2003," said Commissioner Korta.

The draft 2004 LRP will be available for public review beginning on May 20, 2004. It is available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's website, <http://www.ct.gov/dot>, and at Connecticut's 15 Regional Planning Organizations. To schedule an appointment to view the document at the Department of Transportation, call (860) 594-2047.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004, the Department will be holding two public information meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, to present the draft 2004 LRP and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on this draft document. The meeting place is handicapped accessible. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (voice only) by June 1, 2004.

Place: Department of Transportation, Conference Rooms A & B
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

You may present your comments during the public information meetings or submit written comments by mail or electronically. Include your name, address and, if applicable, the name of the organization or company you represent. Comments received on or before June 18, 2004, will be reviewed as part of the process for preparing the final 2004 LRP. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Roxane Fromson, Transportation Supervising Planner, Bureau of Policy and Planning, Connecticut Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546 or e-mailed to roxane.fromson@po.state.ct.us.